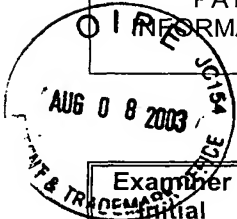


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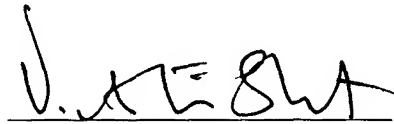
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b), the Applicants herewith disclose for consideration in the above-captioned patent application the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 (Modified). No copies of documents are enclosed therewith, as all were submitted with Information Disclosure Statements in application Serial No. 09/301,626 and/or application Serial No. 09/293,216 and application Serial No. 09/586,445, filed June 2, 2000, on which the present application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. A copy of the International Search Report was also submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement in application Serial No. 09/568,445.

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